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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/541,983 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>POTZE, WILLEM |  |
|                              | <b>Examiner</b><br>Russell Frejd     | <b>Art Unit</b><br>2128              |  |

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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***Examination of Application #10/541,983***

1. Claims 1-13 of application 11/541,983, filed on 11-July-2005, are pending in the application. The examiner respectfully presents a rejection under 101 as described below.

***Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101***

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefore, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2.1 Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The invention claims reconstructing a surface of an object.

2.2

**\*\*>**Descriptive material can be characterized as either “functional descriptive material” or “nonfunctional descriptive material.” In this context, “functional descriptive material” consists of data structures and computer programs which impart functionality when employed as a computer component. (The definition of “data structure” is “a physical or logical relationship among data elements, designed to support specific data manipulation functions.” The New IEEE Standard Dictionary of Electrical and Electronics Terms 308 (5th ed. 1993).) “Nonfunctional descriptive material” includes but is not limited to music, literary works, and a compilation or mere arrangement of data.

In view of the aforementioned requirement, the Examiner respectfully contends that the claim language of claim 13 does not claim a practical application, that language claiming a machine-readable medium having software for reconstructing a surface of an object. The medium holding instructions is determined to recite data embodied on a computer-readable medium. However, the data does not impart functionality to either the data as claimed or to the

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computer. As such, the claimed invention recites non-functional descriptive material, *i.e.*, mere data. Non-functional descriptive material is merely carried on the medium, it is not structurally and functionally interrelated to the medium, and thereby does not manipulate, or execute, appropriate subject matter, and thus cannot constitute a statutory process (MPEP Section 2106).

**2.3** Furthermore, claim 6 is determined to not meet the criteria for a statutory process due to the description on page 12 of the specification, wherein “the computer program product may be stored/distributed on a suitable medium, including wireless telecommunication systems.” The examiner respectfully posits that a reasonable interpretation of this definition of the computer program product could be described as encompassing a wireless distribution medium that encodes a data signal. In view of the guidelines for 101 subject matter, the wireless medium, having software for reconstructing a surface of an object, does not manipulate appropriate subject matter, and thus cannot constitute a statutory process under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

### ***Allowed Claims***

**3.** Claims 1-13 are deemed allowable over the prior art of record at this time, pending resolution of any rejections noted above, because the prior art does not specifically disclose the claimed method for deriving a reconstruction result (*i.e.* reconstructing a surface of an object).

### ***Response Guidelines***

**4.** A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see MPEP 710.02, 710.02(b)).

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**4.1 Any response to the Examiner in regard to this non-final action should be**

**directed to:** Russell Frejd, telephone number (571) 272-3779, Monday-Friday from 0530 to 1400 ET, **or** the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah, telephone number (571) 272-2279. Inquires of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group Receptionist (571) 272-2100.

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**Date:** 11-September-2008

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